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Station's views of Task Force idea established.  
\* to deal with current crisis.

1. TIMELY AND COMPREHENSIVE STATION (BOTH SAIGON AND RO/C) REPORTING WELL RECEIVED, EXTENSIVELY USED AND HIGHLY PRAISED ALL OVER WASHINGTON. CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE, BUT KEEP IT UP.

2. AS YOU OBVIOUSLY RECOGNIZE (PER REF PARA 6) THERE IS CRITICAL, URGENT NEED HERE FOR REPORTING ON POPULAR REACTIONS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD SITUATION, VC AND GVN IN SAIGON, IN OTHER URBAN CENTERS AND IN COUNTRY SIDE. WE NEED ALL AVAILABLE FACTS, OF COURSE, BUT ALSO WANT YOUR ASSESSMENT AND FINGERTIP FEELINGS.

3. REF MOST TIMELY. WE HAVE READ TRAFFIC IT CITES. [REDACTED] WAS IN PART FULL OUT FROM LONG [REDACTED] HABIB DISCUSSION ON 3 FEBRUARY. WE IN HEADQUARTERS FEEL (SOMEWHAT MORE

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STRONGLY THAN OUR DEPARTMENT COLLEAGUES) THAT CURRENT  
CRISIS PUTS GVN AT CRITICAL, INDEED CRUCIAL, FORK IN POLITICAL  
ROAD. DYNAMIC, GALVANIC PSYWAR AND PROPAGANDA MOVES BACKED  
UP ASAP BY SOLID, SUBSTANTIVE ACTIONS AND PROGRAMS CAN TURN  
RECENT EVENTS TO GREAT ADVANTAGE. PROCRASTINATION, SQUABBLING  
AND BUSINESS AS USUAL RESPONSE TO RECENT EVENTS CAN SWIFTLY  
MAKE POLITICAL CANCER IRREMEDIABLY TERMINAL. PRESENT POPULAR  
REACTION BOUND TO CONTAIN LARGE ELEMENTS OF CATAONIC SHOCK.  
WHAT GVN DOES (OR DOES NOT DO) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ IN INITIAL HOURS  
AND DAYS WHEN POPULACE EMERGES FROM SHOCK MAY WELL DETER-  
MINE GVN'S ULTIMATE VICTORY OR DEFEAT.

4. IN LINE ABOVE, URGENTLY REQUEST YOUR BEST THOUGHTS  
ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE-- BOTH IMMEDIATELY AND IN NEAR  
TERM FUTURE-- AND WHO <sup>IN GVN</sup> NEEDS TO BE GIVEN WHAT ROLES (EITHER  
FOR SYMBOLIC OR SUBSTANTIVE REASONS) IF THESE TASKS ARE TO  
BE ACCOMPLISHED. PLEASE REPORT INITIALLY IN ASSOLUTE  
FRANKNESS IN THE PRIVACY OF THIS CHANNEL BUT ~~XXXXX~~ TRY TO

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to [ ]  
INDICATE (WHERE POSSIBLE) THE SUGGESTIONS YOU THINK EMBASSY  
OR MACV MIGHT ENDORSE AND THOSE EMBASSY OR MACV MIGHT  
RESIST. PLEASE MAKE YOUR IDEAS AS CONCRETE AS POSSIBLE AND,  
WHILE INDICATING RK POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES OF IMPLEMENTATION  
XXXXX [ ] DO NOT SCRUB ANY PROPOSAL YOU  
BELIEVE COULD REALLY IMPROVE THE SITUATION. RECEIPT OF YOUR  
BEST THOUGHTS BY 1200, 5 FEBRUARY WASHINGTON TIME WILL GIVE  
US A VALUABLE ASSIST IN SOME HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD  
HERE MONDAY EVENING.

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